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SUBJECT: GOS FINANCE MINISTER BARRERA DE IRIMO REQUESTS

APPOINTMENTS WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

1. THE NEW GOS MIN OF FINANCE ANTONIO BARRERA DE IRIMO WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON JULY 27-31 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROUP OF TWENTY MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIGH-LEVEL USG OFFICIALS DURING HIS STAY. HE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN MEETING WITH SECRETARIES ROGERS AND SHULTZ, CEA CHAIRMAN STEIN, FRB CHAIRMAN BURNS, AND CIEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FLANIGAN.

2. THE MIN HAS IN MIND SOMETHING MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN SIMPLE COURTESY CALLS. AMONG THOSE ISSUES IDENTIFIED AS BEING OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FOR DISCUSSION ARE SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EEC AND OUR RELATED CONSULTATION, PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER GATT MEETING IN TOKYO, THE FINALIZING OF A DOUBLE TAXATION TREATY BETWEEN THE US AND SPAIN, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION, AND GENERAL POL-ECON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. ALTHOUGH COMPLETELY NEW TO THE SPANISH CABINET, BARRERA DE IRIMO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF ITS MOST INTELLIGENT AND COMPETENT MEMBERS AND HAS EVEN BEEN MENTIONED AS A POTENTIAL FUTURE PRESIDENT WHEN PRINCE JUAN CARLOS BECOMES KING. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE

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QUITE BROAD-GAUGED IN HIS INTERESTS AS WELL AS IMPACT. I SUGGEST

THAT THE WASHINGTON AGENCIES INVOLVED DO ALL POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE MINISTER DURING HIS VISIT SINCE HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A MAJOR FORCE IN GOS POLICY MAKING. IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IF A LUNCHEON COULD BE HOSTED BY ONE OF THE ABOVE INDICATED PRINCIPALS.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY WITH A TENTATIVE PROGRAM SOONEST.
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